

## ABSTRACT

A method for searching for medical information executed by one or more computers comprising the steps of formulating a request for medical information concerning an individual or group of individuals, transmitting a record request to a record facilitator, the record facilitator determining which patient record sources to investigate, a record query being sent from the facilitator to the patient record sources which are appropriate, receiving a patient record report back from the patient record sources, normalizing and augmenting the patient record report before forwarding it back to the requestor, and de-identifying the patient record to remove any identifying information.

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